

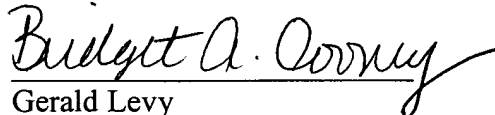
REMARKS

Further to the response submitted on June 17, 2004, Applicants have herewith amended claim 11 to remove the word "thermally." This limitation was inadvertently added in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Claim 11 tracks the limitations of independent claim 1 in the parent application, U.S. Serial Number 09/669,083, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,518,496 (hereinafter "'496 patent"). Additionally, Applicants have herewith added claims 15-23 to provide coverage for additional embodiments of the claimed invention. Claims 15-23 track the limitations of dependent claims 2-10 in the '496 patent. No new matter is being added. Claims 11 and 15-23 remain pending for continued examination.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. If for any reason the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney so that additional amendments may be entered as necessary.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due with this response. However, if any fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

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